



# Forest Research Center for Livelihood Extension

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Hatipara Forest Complex, Gandhigram, Agartala, Tripura (W)



## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Iconic Week (4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021)

### AWARENESS PROGRAMME TO AVOID THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

**Forest Research Center for Livelihood Extension** organized an “*Awareness Programme to Avoid the Use of Single-use Plastic*” on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Saturday). The programme was attended by representatives of three prominent NGOs of Tripura namely; Samaj Shakti Society (Women’s NGO), Youth for Integration and DISA –Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement. Sh. Debasish Chakraborty, Retd. IFS and President, DISA graced the occasion as the Chief Guest amidst other invitees. A total of 30 participants including volunteers of NGOs and Officials and Project Staffs of FRC-LE, Agartala actively participated in the event.

The programme started by Welcoming the Guests and participants. In his opening remarks, Sh. Ajoy Debbarma, Scientist ‘B’/Head of Office (I/c), FRCLE, Agartala highlighted the background of the awareness programme on avoiding single-use plastics. Sh. Debasish Chakraborty, Retd. IFS & President, DISA spoke on single-use plastics choking the environment we live in and threw light on its impact to Wildlife and Water bodies. He called for a collective effort to fight the menace of single-use plastics and its increasing impacts by collaborating with Urban Local Bodies. Dr. Abhinav Kant, Head, Bamboo & Cane Development Institute-Tripura, delivered a presentation on “**Single-Use Plastic Pollution and Its Solution**”. In his detailed presentation, he spoke on plastic pollution affecting the world around and stressed on how the food and packaging industries contributed mostly to plastic pollution. He pointed out that prevention, minimization, re-use, recycling, energy recovery and disposal through incineration are the ways to manage plastic pollution. He also suggested Areca nut leaves, Banana stem fibre and Bamboo-based products as alternatives to single-use plastics. The programme was followed by Interactive Session during which Sh. Niren Das, ACTO, FRC-LE, Agartala sensitized on the over-dependence to plastics in our day to day lives and stressed on shifting to biodegradable products viz., Areca nut leaves, bamboo-based products etc. Smt. Anuja Biswas, Secretary, Samaj Shakti Society and Sh. Bibhuti Debbarma, President, Youth For Integration also actively participated and deliberated on ways to minimize and prevent single-use plastics and agreed on working with FRC-LE, Agartala to come up with eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastics.

As part of the campaign on avoiding single-use plastics, FRC-LE, Agartala also organized a **Mini Exhibition** on “**Replacing Single-use Plastics with their Eco-friendly Alternatives**” at the office complex. Various Bamboo-made cutlery & personal care products, Areca nut leaves plates, Jute based products etc. developed by trainees of FRC-LE, Agartala were showcased to create awareness and switch to alternatives to single-use plastics.

## CLIPS OF THE PROGRAMME



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